

REMARKS

In the present Application, claims 24-26, 32-35, 41, 46, 47, 50, 51, and 53 are pending. Claims 24-26, 41, 46, 47, 50, and 51 are rejected, and claims 32-35 and 53 are allowed by way of the present *Office Action*.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

In paragraph 3 of the *Office Action*, the Examiner rejected claims 24-26, 41, 46, 47, 50, and 51 as being unpatentable over *Hernandez* (USPN 5,712,021) in view of the state of the art as evidenced by *Hanson* (USPN 2,069,609). Applicant traverses.

While Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for unpatentability, Applicant is canceling claims 24-26, 41, 46, 47, 50, and 51 in order to place the Application in condition for allowance. Applicant maintains the right to pursue the canceled claims in a continuation application.

Allowed Claims

In paragraph 4, the Examiner allowed claims 32-36 and 53. Applicant has canceled the non-allowed claims in order to place the Application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

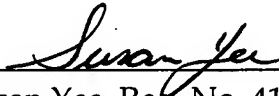
In light of these amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner issues a Notice of Allowance in the present application. The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative with any questions concerning this amendment.

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